

REMARKS

In an office action dated 28 December 2006, the Examiner objects to claims 9-16, the specification, and the drawings. In response to the office action, Applicants amend the specification and claims 9-11, and 16; submit amended drawings, provide cited reference and respectfully traverse the objections. Claims 9-16 remain pending in the application. In light of the above amendments, corrected drawings, and following arguments, Applicants respectfully request that this application be allowed.

In response to the Examiner's request, Applicants have attached the request prior art references.

In response to the objection to Figure 1, Applicants provide a corrected drawing indicating that Figure 1 is prior art. Applicants also provide corrected Figure 3 and 4 to remove some cross-hatching to make bush lock 11 more visible in the drawings. Applicants have not added figures showing spring snap or lip constructions as these are components of seat belts commonly known in the art as stated in the specification. Furthermore, applicant does not add drawings showing leather steel or polypopelyn as this merely describe the material used to make the claimed elements and cannot be shown in the drawings. In light of these amendments, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner allow the drawings and remove the rejections to the drawings.

In paragraph d. of the office action, the Examiner states carabiner is a trademark. However, carabiner is a generic word defined in Webster's Ninth Collegiate Dictionary as "an oblong metal ring that snaps into a hole in a piton to hold a freely running rope." Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner remove this objection.

Applicants have then amended the specification and claims to correct the informalities cited by the Examiner and to correct editorial and typographical errors cited

by the Examiner. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the objections to the specification and claims be removed.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this response or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 775-586-9500.

Respectfully submitted,  
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